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(Case No. 00-388-A)

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In the Application of:

Nolan *et al.*

Serial No.: 09/851,743

Filed: May 9, 2001

For: Methods for Testing Compounds Useful
In Treating Diabetic Complications

Before the Examiner:

S. J. Sharareh

Group Art Unit: 1617

RESPONSE TO THE OFFICIAL ACTION

MAILED JANUARY 14, 2003

Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action, mailed January 14, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the pending claims in light of the following amendments and remarks.

Status of the Claims in the application

Claims 5, 17, 27 and 32 are now canceled. Claims 1 and 13 as herein amended, and claims 2-4, 6-7, 14-16, 18-19, 25-26, 28-31, and 33-34 as filed are pending in the application. The amendments are supported throughout the specification and claims as originally filed, and thus do not constitute new matter. The grounds of rejection asserted in the Official Action have been overcome by amendment or traversed by argument below.